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<u>REMARKS</u>

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 11 is cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10 are currently pending and under consideration.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIM 11 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER STUCKE (US 5,335,146)

Claim 11 is cancelled herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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